

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION**

SUSAN JANE HOGARTH,

Plaintiff,

v.

KAREN BRINSON BELL, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 5:24-cv-00481-LF

Hon. Louise W. Flanagan

**JAMES M. DIAZ'S CONSENT
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR
PLAINTIFF**

Pursuant to Local Rule 5.2(e), James M. Diaz respectfully requests leave to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff Susan Jane Hogarth (5901 Penny Rd., Raleigh, NC 27606) in the above-captioned matter because Diaz is no longer with the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. Jeffrey D. Zeman, Daniel M. Ortner, James M. Dedman IV, and Eric Spengler continue to represent Plaintiff in this matter, and as such there will be continuity of representation. Currently pending before the Court are Defendants' Motions to Dismiss (ECF Nos. 53, 55, 58); Plaintiff filed her consolidated brief in opposition on November 22, 2024 (ECF No. 66), and Defendants' reply briefs are due December 13, 2024. Plaintiff and Defendants have been informed of the nature of this motion and consent to the relief sought.

Dated: December 20, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rule 83.1(e)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 20, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was transmitted using the CM/ECF system, which automatically sends notice and a copy of the filing to all counsel of record.

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